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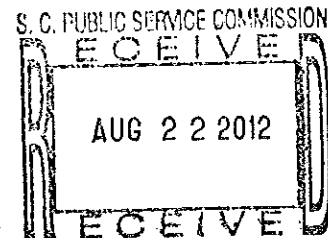
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Re: Docket No. 2009-165-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On August 6, 2009 in the above-referenced docket, The Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued an Order Approving Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity ("Order") for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new 230-kV transmission line in Cherokee County, South Carolina emanating from a combustion turbine plant Southern Power Company ("Southern Power") is constructing in Cleveland County, North Carolina. That Order required the applicant, Southern Power, to notify the Commission and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") of any significant modifications to the construction schedule or plant design and of any changes to the planned commercial operation date of the facility.

On March 2, 2011, Southern Power advised the Commission by letter that it had adjusted the construction schedule for the Cleveland County plant in order to optimize its physical and financial resources. The projected commercial operation date of the units was moved from January 1, 2012 to December 1, 2012. This letter is to update the Commission on the current status of this project.

Units 1 and 2 have now reached mechanical completion and are currently in testing mode. Unit 3 is almost finished with construction and is in the process of commissioning the auxiliary systems. Unit 4 is currently about 80% completed with construction and will be tested in October. The balance of plant systems are also mechanically complete and are finishing the

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startup and commissioning process. All commissioning and testing activities should be completed in November for a December 1, 2012 commercial operation date. The interconnecting electric transmission line has been built and is energized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Edward Poe, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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